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BEGIN SUMMARY: JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS FURTHER MALIK
COMMENTS CIRTICIAL OF UNGA TIMOR RESOLUTION (AND ANY
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SIMILAR UNSC RESOLUTION) AS NOT REFLECTING "REALITY".

PROMINENT COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN TO APPARENTLY STRAIGHTFORWARD DEFENSE OF GOI ACTION (WITHOUT UNDUE RELIANCE ON "VOLUNTEERS" LINE) BY INDONESIAN UN REP SANI IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. GOVERNMENT-CONNECTED INDONESIAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE STAGED DEMONSTRATION AT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY MORNING DEC. 16 PROTESTING AUSTRALIAN VOTE AGAINST INDONESIA AT UNGA. REPORTING FROM TIMOR SUGGESTS CONTINUED LULL IN MILITARY ACTIVITY. PUBLICITY RE "MERGER" OF OE CUSSI ECNLAVE WITH INDONESIA CONTINUES APACE. END SUMMARY.

1. REACTION TO UN DEBATE. FONMIN MALIK QUOTED IN PRESS REPORTS AS HAVING SAID DEC 16 THAT IF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REFLECTED LANGUAGE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IT WOULD SHARE WEAKNESS OF LATTER RESOLUTION IN NOT "CONFORMING WITH REALITY." MALIK SUGGESTED UN SHOULD IN FACT EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO INDONESIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING ORDER AND SECURITY IN PT, AND HE REAFFIRMED INDONESIAN INTENTION TO GIVE PT PEOPLE "ALL KINDS OF ASSISTANCE" IN CARRYING OUT "ACT OF FREE CHOICE."

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF UNSEC DEBATE GIVES PROMINENCE TO STATEMENT BY GOI REP ANWAR SANI STRONGLY DEFENDING GOI ACTION. REPORTS SUGGEST SANI DID NOT LABOR OFFICIAL GOI LINE THAT INDONESIAN TROOPS IN PT ARE ONLY "VOLUNTEERS", BUT STRESS HIS JUSTIFICATION OF NECESSITY FOR INDONESIAN ACTION TO RESTORE ORDER AND HIS STATEMENTS OF GOI INTENT TO ALLOW SELF-DETERMINATION TO TAKE PLACE AND WILLINGNESS TO HAVE UN INVOLVED IN PROCESS.

3. DEMONSTRATION AT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY. APPROX 100 YOUTHS ORGANIZED BY GOVERNMENT-CONNECTED INDONESIAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (KNPI) DEMONSTRATED AT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR TWO HOURS MORNING DEC 16. GROUP CARRIED SIGNS PROTESTING AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE ON PT. TEN REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT, AND PRESENTED STATEMENT REGRETTING AUSTRALIAN VOTE IN UN, DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST INDONESIANS IN CANBERRA, AND BOYCOTT ACTIONS BY AUSTRALIAN UNIONS. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, GROUP ALSO THREATENED REPRISALS AGAINST AUSTRALIAN

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CITIZENS AND PROPERTY IN JAKARTA IN RESPONSE TO "BRUTAL ACTIONS AGAINST INDONESIAN CITIZENS" IN AUSTRALIA, BUT BACKED OFF WHEN ASKED BY WOOLCOTT TO CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SUCH BRUTALITY. WOOLCOTT ALSO STRESSED GOA DETERMINATION TO PROTECT INDONESIAN CITIZENS AND PROPERTY IN AUSTRALIA AND HIS PERSONAL INTENTION TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY GOA-GOI RELATIONS, AND EXPLAINED GOA ATTITUDE RE INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PT BY POINTING OUT IT DIFFICULT

FOR AUSTRALINA PUBLIC TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN INDONESIAN TROOPS AND INDONESIAN "VOLUNTEERS".

4. FONMIN MALIK IN EXCHANGE WITH RESS FOLLOWING WOOLCOTT MEETING WITH DEMONSTRATORS PICKED UP WOOLCOTT COMMENT ON AUSTRALIAN VIEW OF INDONESIAN ROLE IN PT AND RESPONDED THAT GOI FOUND IT SIMILARLY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIA HAD NOT ASSISTED FRETILIN. HE SAID GOI HAD EVIDENCE OF THIS ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING "FACILITIES" PROVIDED BY GOA TO FRETILIN LEADERS TRAVELING THROUGH AUSTRALIA AND PRESENCE IN PT OF APPROX 50 EUROPEAN "MERCENARIES" WHO ENTERED PT THROUGH AUSTRALIA.

5. BATTLEFIELD. INDONESIAN PRESS REPORTS FROM TIMOR INDICATE THAT LULL IN FIGHTING FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF BAUCAU DEC 10 STILL CONTINUING. STATE NEWS AGENCY ANTARA REPORT DEC 16 ON EVIDENCE OF FRETILIN ATROCITIES UNCOVERED DURING "MOPPING UP OPERATIONS" IN DILI AREA MENTIONS ONLY SEVERAL SUBURBS OF DILI AND NO OUTLYING TOWNS, SUGGESTING THAT ADVANCE OUTWARD FROM DILI HAS NOT PROGRESSED VERY FAR. COMMENT: UNCLEAR WHETHER MILITARY (REGROUPING) OR POLITICAL (UN DEBATE) CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLIE RELATIVE LACK OF MOVEMENT; BOTH FACTORS MAY WELL BE INVOLVED.

6. OE CUSSI "MERGER" WITH INDONESIA. JAKARTA PRESS DEC 17 REPORTS CABLE TO UN SECGEN FROM OE CUSSI MILITARY COMMANDER AND APODETI, UDT AS WELL AS FRETILIN LEADERS REPORTING ON "MERGER" OF ENCLASVE WITH INDONESIA AND DECLARING INTENT OF OE CUSSI LEADERSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER DECOLONIZATION PROCESS ON BASIS OF MERGER. PRESS ALSO REPORTS PLANS FOR INDONESIAN FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY IN OE CUSSI CAPITAL ON DEC 18. ALL REPORTING CONFIDENTIAL

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STRESSED VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION OF OE CUSSI FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVES IN UNANIMOUS DECISION ON MERGER WITH INDONESIA. (COMMENT: POLITICAL HISTORY OF OE CUSSI DIFFERS MARKEDLY FROM THAT OF MAIN PT TERRITORY; COOPERATION BETWEEN FRETILIN AND OTHER PARTIES IN OE CUSSI, WHERE ALMOST NO FIGHTING OCCURRED AND WHERE GOP-APPOINTED LOCAL CIVIL ADMINISTRATOR AND MILITARY COMMANDER STAYED ON AFTER PORTUGUESE DEPARTURE, NOT IMPLAUSIBLE.) RIVES

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